procurement of goods and services for projects to be executed on turn key basis including bidding procedure, franchisee implementation and technical specifications for equipment/material and construction standards for adoption in project implmentation/ execution.

- Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are prepared district-wise for the purpose of cohesiveness and better implementation of projects.
- For speedier and effective implementation of the project, these are executed on turnkey basis.
- States have been advised to set-up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works. All the States have already notified formation of district committees.
- The Government of India as also REC, the nodal agency for RGGVY, are conducting frequen. review meetings with all the stakeholders e.g concerned State Governments, State power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per agreed schedules.
- Government of India has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and review progress of implementation.

Anganwadis sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh

*388. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8,000 Anganwadis have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh under ICDS;

(b) the number of Anganwadi Centres sanctioned and set up in Andhra Pradesh under ICDS, year-wise; and

(c) how Government are implementing the Supreme Court judgement that ICDS should be extended not only to BPL families but also to other eligible people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) By the end of Ninth Plan, the number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)

sanctioned in the State of Andhra Pradesh was 56539. The Scheme was approved for continued implementation in Tenth Plan (2002-2007) within the existing sanctioned Projects. However, in pursuance of the commitment as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the Government, to provide a functional Anganwadi Centre in every settlement/habitation, the Scheme has been expanded twice, first in the year 2005-06 and again during 2006-07.

Year-wise details of sanctioned and operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

Year	No. of AWCs sanctioned (cumulative)	No. of AWCs Operationalized (cumulative)
31.3.2005	56539	53760
31.3.2006	66101	56364
31.3.2007	73944	60187 (as on 31.1.07)

Besides these, 3409 Mini-Anganwadi Centres were also sanctioned for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2006-07.

(c) The ICDS Scheme provides a package of six services *viz.* Supplementary Nutrition, Immunization, Health Check-up, Referral Services, Pre-School Non-formal Education and Nutrition and Health Education. Out of these, only Supplementary Nutrition was being provided to the targeted beneficiaries from the low-income families, from the very inception of the Scheme. However, pursuant to the Supreme Court directive of 7.10.2004, the Government of India issued guidelines to all the States/UTs stating that supplementary nutrition shall be provided to all beneficiaries, irrespective of income status of the family to which they belong.

Foreign patents in scientific areas

†*389. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the scientific areas in which India has obtained foreign patents during

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.